

1 10A NCAC 14C .2301 is proposed to be amended as follows:

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3 **10A NCAC 14C .2301 DEFINITIONS**

4 The following definitions shall apply to all rules in this Section:

- 5 (1) "Approved computed tomography (CT) scanner" means a CT scanner which was not operational
6 prior to the beginning of the review period but which had been issued a certificate of ~~need or had~~
7 ~~been acquired prior to March 18, 1993 in accordance with 1993 N.C. Sess. Laws c. 7, s. 12. need.~~
- 8 (2) "Computed tomography" means a technique whereby a sharply collimated X-ray beam is passed
9 through the human body from a source which rotates around the body in a specific arc. As the
10 beam passes through the body from its perimeter, its intensity is reduced. The transmitted
11 intensity of the beam varies in accordance with the density of the tissue it passes through and is
12 measured by sensitive detectors and, from this information, two-dimensional cross-sectional
13 pictures or other images may be generated. A computer is used to generate the image from the
14 measurements of X-ray beam intensity. Tissue images can be done with or without contrast
15 agents. Computed tomography services are rendered by CT scanners.
- 16 (3) "Computed tomography (CT) scanner" means an imaging machine which combines the
17 information generated by a scanning X-ray source and detector system with a computer to
18 reconstruct a cross-sectional image of the full body, including the head.
- 19 (4) "Computed tomography (CT) service area" means a geographical area defined by the ~~applicant,~~
20 ~~which has boundaries that are not farther than 40 road miles from the facility. applicant.~~
- 21 (5) "CT scan" means one discrete image of a patient produced by a CT scanner.
- 22 (6) "Existing CT scanner" means a computed tomography scanner in operation prior to the beginning
23 of the review period.
- 24 (7) "Fixed CT scanner" means a CT ~~Scanner~~ scanner that is used at only one location or campus.
- 25 (8) "HECT unit" means a unit that is equivalent to one CT scan which is derived by applying a
26 weighted conversion factor to a CT scan in accordance with the Head Equivalent Computed
27 Tomography studies formula developed by the National Electric Manufacturers, based on the
28 "Leonard Methodology".
- 29 (9) "Mobile CT scanner" means a CT scanner and transporting equipment which is moved to provide
30 services at two or more host facilities.
- 31 (10) "Related entity" means the parent company of the applicant, a subsidiary company of the applicant
32 (i.e., the applicant owns 50% or more of another company), a joint venture in which the applicant
33 is a member, or a company that shares common ownership with the applicant (i.e., the applicant
34 and another company are owned by some of the same persons).

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37 *permanent rule becomes effective, whichever is sooner;*

- 1 *Authority G.S. 131E-177(1); 131E-183(b);*
- 2 *Amended Eff. February 1, 2008; Eff. February 1, 1994.*